

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

Members Present: David Parker, Nelson Almeida, David Andrade,  
Michael Brady, Gary Sagar

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime (arrived late)

Executive Assistant: Anne P. Rogers

Chairman Parker opened the meeting at 6 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 20, anybody recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording the meeting both audio and video.

Mr. Cadime arrived late because he was stuck in traffic coming in from procurement officer training in Boston, MA.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE OPENING UPDATES**

Chairman Parker thanked those who have come forward to serve on various boards.

Ms. Rogers advised that volunteers are needed for the Capital Improvement Committee, Conservation Commission, Cultural Council, Economic Development Committee, Energy Committee, Property Tax Work Off Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Bylaw Review Committee, Finance Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee.

Town Moderator Michelle Hines advised that the Bylaw Review Committee needs three people and the Capital Improvement Committee needs two people. Finance Committee has two openings. Later in the meeting, she will fill the vacancy on the Senior Center Building Committee.

**PRIORITY MATTERS**

Chairman Parker noted that Mr. Cadime had recommended all appointments.

**Consider Appointment of Margie Kimball as Secretary for the Conservation Commission**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To appoint Margie Kimball as Secretary for the Conservation Commission, effective immediately, subject to a successful CORI check.

Ms. Kimball was in attendance.

### **Moderator Appointment to Boards**

Ms. Hines appointed Robert Blanchard to the Senior Center Building Committee until completion of the project.

Mr. Sagar asked Ms. Hines to explain the role of the Bylaw Review Committee.

She said the bylaws have to be reviewed every five years. It has been seven years due to an oversight. It has to be a five-member board, one from each precinct and an alternate from anywhere. She has two applications from people who have been on it previously but they are from the same precinct. There is one person from another precinct. She needs a person from precincts 3 and 5. Once bylaws are reviewed, there will be an article on the warrant for Town Meeting. The committee is supposed to be for just one year. Interested people should complete a talent bank form.

Ms. Hines noted that the Capital Improvement Committee does not have a quorum.

### **Moderator Reappointments to Boards**

Ms. Hines reappointed Myrna Gagnon Elderkin to the Finance Committee until 2017.

She reappointed Robert Sellers to the Capital Improvement Committee until 2017.

### **Discussion on Number of Members for the Energy Committee and the Economic Development Committee**

Mr. Rogers advised there are three members on Economic Development and two on Energy. There is an appointment tonight and three or four talent bank forms for Energy.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To set the number of members at five (5) for the Economic Development Committee and five (5) for the Energy Committee.

Chairman Parker noted that there are no term limits because these are ad hoc committees to the Board of Selectmen.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion on the Chicken Bylaw that has been referred back from the Planning Board**

#### **Discussion on Part Time Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Both items tabled until the Town Administrator arrived.

**COMMUNITY SPEAKS (First Session)**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Recommendation to Appoint Chris Gadbois to the Energy Committee**

Ms. Rogers advised this appointment is recommended by Mr. Cadime. Ms. Gadbois was in attendance at a previous meeting but could not make it tonight. She met with Mr. Cadime on Friday.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the appointment of Chris Gadbois to the Energy Committee until June 30, 2017.

**Consider Recommendation to Appoint Shane Halajko as an Alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the appointment of Shane Halajko as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals through June 30, 2016.

**Consider Acceptance of \$400 Donation to the Fire Department from Ramada Inn**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To accept the \$400 donation to the Fire Department from Ramada Inn.

**Discussion and Review on the Proposed Permanent Building Committee Bylaw**

Mr. Sagar advised that he had been working on this with Mr. Cadime. The original effort to create a bylaw for a permanent building committee goes back to 2010. It went to Town Meeting and several amendments were offered. In 2012, they tried to change it and involve the School Department. That was tabled. Mr. Cadime and he met with the Chairman and Vice Chair of the School Committee and Chairman of the Attleboro Building Committee. They also met with the Library Board of Trustees.

He distributed an amendment (#11) to the draft the Board had received.

This will be before the School Committee on Monday and the Library Board of Trustees on Wednesday. Library Director Peter Fuller has indicated he would recommend adoption as amended. Hopefully, it will be approved by the School Committee and Library Board of Trustees.

Mr. Sagar said the 2010 document was used as a starting point.

Mr. Andrade questioned the first paragraph. Does it mean the Town would do the specifications? That is typically done by the architect and engineers.

Mr. Sagar noted that Mr. Cadime is attending classes to become the Chief Procurement Officer. He will prepare RFPs.

Mr. Brady said it is easier to have one central clearing house. It gives continuity after the project is completed.

Chairman Parker noted if the Town had a permanent building committee right now it would be working on three projects at once. He asked what would happen if they decided to do the senior center last year and there weren't enough members on the permanent building committee to move ahead with the project.

Mr. Sagar said the committee consists of five regular members and two additional members from the Board of Selectmen, Library, and School Department, depending on the project. The five regular members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

#### **Consider Approval of Regular Session Minutes of August 13, 2014**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To accept the Regular Session minutes of August 13, 2014.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Discuss Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours Before the Meeting**

None.

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion on Chicken Bylaw that has been referred back from Planning Board**

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To table discussion on the chicken bylaw.

### **COMMUNITY SPEAKS**

Mr. David Bowden proudly announced that his son, Doug Bowden, was appointed as captain of Fire Station 6 in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Doug was a former call firefighter in Seekonk.

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Mr. Almeida announced that the Craft Fair for Save-A-Pet would be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 (rain date: September 20, 2014) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hurley School on Newman Avenue.

Mr. Sagar had a report from the module company and architect regarding the Banna Fire Station. He requested an agenda item for the September 24, 2014 meeting.

He announced that a Retirement Party to honor Chief Alan Jack is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2014, at the Ramada of Seekonk. Deadline to purchase tickets is September 19.

Chairman Parker announced the 911 Tribute on Thursday, September 11, at 6 p.m. at the Public Safety Complex. He will represent the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Brady, police; and Mr. Sagar, firefighter.

A 15-minute recess started at 6:40 p.m. to await Mr. Cadime's arrival.

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion on the Chicken Bylaw that has been referred back from Planning Board**

Mr. Cadime had no additional information.

#### **Discussion on Part Time Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Mr. Cadime advised that he met with Mr. Santos and Mr. Alexander regarding available funding for this position. The original position was for sign enforcement. He felt it should be a building inspector rather than specific to signs. The hours would stagger to include weekends. The position would be just under 20 hours at \$20 per hour.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To post the position of part time building inspector.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Cadime advised that Capt. Michael Healy will be installed as Fire Chief on Sunday, September 21, 2014, at 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. The union will sponsor the event.

He thanked Mr. Silva at the Ramada, who waived the \$400 rental fee.

He announced that the Seekonk Kiwanis would sponsor a 5K and 1.5 Walk on Sunday, September 28, 2014, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Martin School. Registration is \$30. Pre registration is \$25.

Mr. Almeida advised there is a permit for the Kiwanis signs and those signs are legally scattered around town.

Chairman Parker said he heard a rumor that the signs were taken down at the request of a Selectman but they were put back up.

He asked about permission to remove signs from the telephone poles.

Mr. Almeida said that Mrs. Nolan had received permission from National Grid to remove them.

Mr. Sagar said that Chief Mace would participate in Sean's Ride – Tour de Force New York 911 Memorial Charity Bicycle Ride on September 11. Riders will come through Seekonk in the early afternoon.

He advised that a representative of the Seekonk Wampanoags made a presentation to the Economic Development Committee. That group also wants to make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen. There might be about \$900,000 (payable in three installments) available that could be used at the Old Town Hall.

He noted that the lease was signed with the understanding that the Wampanoags would take care of it. He suggested asking Town Meeting for authorization to sell it for \$1.

Mr. Brady said it can't be gifted to any individual. It would have to be listed and other people would have an opportunity.

Mr. Andrade said they have monies to fix the property.

Mr. Almeida mentioned that almost two months ago a trench was opened on Arcade Avenue to bring water into a new development. The question was did that trench occur after the final binder was applied. He had concerns there would be dipping in the road. There is some sagging and it isn't the winter yet. He asked to have that checked and find out what material was used.

Mr. Cadime said he walked through with Mr. Cabral and talked to Mr. Lamoureux. He requested a copy of the receipt from the vendor. The road was opened before the final binder. Mr. Cabral received a copy of the receipt but can't find it. Mr. Cadime asked him to find it or request another copy.

He said there are some complaints. Mr. Lamoureux feels it is not dipping, it is raised. He will address these issues.

Mr. Almeida asked if the contractor will come back to fix it.

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Mr. Cadime was not sure what the policy would be.

Mr. Almeida would like to see this taken care of before winter.

Mr. Cadime emphasized it had nothing to do with the golf course.

Mr. Sagar noted that the Town spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on that road and should not be satisfied with the patch.

Mr. Almeida said that Mr. Cadime and he attending the rope cutting for the Longhorn Restaurant. Residents were waiting for it to open. He urged people to support the restaurant.

He said that Seekonk Warriors won the football game on Friday night.

Mr. Brady asked for an update on the Cole and Anthony Street intersection.

Mr. Cadime said that Mr. Lamoureux looked at it. He will look at speed limits with regard to Read Street and Prospect Street to bring before the Board.

Chairman asked about certified free cash.

Mr. Cadime said DOR gave a number of \$1.9M. They are still working on that.

Mr. Brady would like to have a breakdown.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:01 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Andrade, to go into Executive Session to discuss contract for non-union personnel (Fire Chief) per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(2) which the Chair has determined that a public meeting might have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining power and to consider approval of Executive Session minutes of August 13, 2014; not to return to Open Session.

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Brady – Aye; Chairman Parker – Aye. Chairman Parker would not participate in negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

David Andrade, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

